

# MUSTANG NEWS

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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

This past December, the Washougal community held its second annual 'Festival of Trees' sponsored by the Washougal Lion's Club and local businesses. Our Booster Club decorated a tree for auction and through its sale and other contributions earned \$545.82. This money will be used to support our student enrichment program. Thank you Washougal Lion's Club, Washougal businesses, and our Gause Boosters for your continued support of our school and its students and staff. We greatly appreciate all of you!

## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR ITEMS**

February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day Room Parties
February 20	No School - President's Day
February 23	Family Fitness Night, 6:00-8:00 PM
February 24	Jump Rope For Heart Day
February 29	Leap Day

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF WE HAVE 2-HR. LATE START ON AN EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY?**

Please be advised that if the Washougal School District decides to have a two-hour late start due to inclement weather on a Wednesday early release, students will be dismissed at 3:30 PM and not at the usual 12:30 PM early release time.

## **VFW ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

Every fall Gause students participate in the annual VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary's essay contest for grades 3-5. This year's topic was "What Is An American?"

Congratulations to the following students:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Matt Chaffee, Post Level 1<sup>st</sup> place and District Level 2<sup>nd</sup> place

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Trinity Williams Post Level 1<sup>st</sup> place, Emily Hearn, Post Level Honorable Mention

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Griffen Agnello Post Level 1<sup>st</sup> place and District Level 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

### **FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT RETURNS - FEBRUARY 23**

Gause Elementary School is inviting you and your family for a night of healthy and active fun at our 2nd annual Family Fitness Night on February 23 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be 6 Activity Stations to get your family moving and grooving in a fun atmosphere. Each station will be set up with different exercises for you to try. It's your chance to find out who in your family is the fastest, strongest, and most agile. It's also an opportunity for your whole family to exercise together while learning about keeping active and making healthy everyday choices. There is no cost, so grab your sneakers and come dressed to move!

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - FEBRUARY 24**

February is Jump Rope For Heart month. On February 24, Gause students will participate in Jump Rope For Heart. Jump Rope For Heart is a community service-learning program of the American Heart Association. Jump Rope For Heart teaches students the importance of developing heart-healthy habits; that being physically active can be fun, and that by raising funds to support research and education they can help save lives across the country and in their community. Gause Elementary School will qualify for gift certificates for free physical education equipment based on the amount that our school raises. Students will qualify for individual thank you gifts based on the donations they collect. Every student is welcome to participate (donations are not required). Additional information will be sent home with your child, as we get closer to the event date. For more information about Jump Rope For Heart, you can visit their website at <http://www.heart.org/jump>.

### **PLEASE HELP OUR SAFETY PATROL**

Please help keep our Safety Patrol Officers safe while they do their job; always following their directions, drive at a safe speed, watch out for them and other pedestrians, and always use the crosswalk when crossing the street in front of the school. Thank you for your support and helping us to keep them safe.

### **FREE DENTAL CARE**

Feb. 4, 2012 is "Children's Dental Health Day". Location: Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling: 360.397.8020, 397.8010 or 397.8000 ext. 7371. Only children ages 2-19 with NO dental insurance will qualify. Services provided are: X-rays, sealants, fluoride treatment, fillings and extractions. There will be no cleanings provided. Clark County Dental Society, Clark College, Clark County Public Health, Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, Greater Southwest Washington Dental Hygiene Association, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Washington Oral Health Foundation are donating services.